

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 55

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A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Wilma Blanche Spann
Carney of Nashville.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of Wilma Blanche Spann Carney of Nashville; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Carney was an exemplary public servant and consummate professional who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for her fellow citizens in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, born on December 5, 1927, in McEwen, Wilma Blanche Spann was the daughter of the late Alvester and Blanche Spann; and

WHEREAS, Wilma Blanche Spann was joined in holy matrimony with John Allen Carney, with whom she enjoyed a loving marriage until his death; and

WHEREAS, hardworking and dedicated to serving others, Ms. Carney began her career with the Oak Ridge Manhattan Project; she then worked as an administrative assistant at Vanderbilt University Medical Center, where she provided exceptional service and support for nearly twenty years; and

WHEREAS, upon her departure from Vanderbilt, Wilma Carney dedicated the rest of her professional career to serving as an executive aide with the Tennessee General Assembly, where she was a beloved member of the staff, revered for her knowledge, diligence, and kindness; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Carney was a vivacious woman with many passions; she enjoyed dancing, specifically ballroom dancing and clogging, and she loved music, especially singing with the Sweet Adelines and playing piano; and

WHEREAS, a beloved matriarch of her family, Wilma Carney will be remembered fondly by those who knew and loved her: her children, Sally (William) Fox and Pat (Bill) Wade; her grandsons, Jake (Julie) Wade and Kaeleb Wade; and her great-grandchildren, Easton, Taylor Grace, Tyler, and Austin; and

WHEREAS, Wilma Carney leaves behind an exemplary legacy of a life well lived, and she will be fondly remembered for her kindness, humility, and willingness to sacrifice for others; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional public servant and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED TENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of Wilma Blanche Spann Carney, reflecting fondly upon her impeccable character and her stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.